

Minutes of the Solid Waste Committee November 9, 2006

Present: Susan Waite, Recycling Coordinator; Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works; Lucy McMurrer, Harvey Allen, Marianne Lorenzelli, Clare Bertrand, Meg Vickery, Acting Chair.

1. The Minutes for October were approved as written.
2. Susan reported that she was applying for a grant from the MRF for downtown recycling containers. She is working with Guilford on this.
3. Susan reported that the High School conducted a composting audit, finding that 75% of their trash was compostable. The group is examining the next steps.
4. The farmer receiving the compost has had some complaints. Fort River is asking for permanent volunteers to monitor the composting. There is also a question about marked bags. Susan will meet separately with Guilford and Meg to discuss plans.
5. Lucy will meet with Larry Shaffer soon to become an official member. Her email is: LLMCMURRER@Hotmail.com.

Business Survey

It was agreed that members would choose certain businesses in town to approach about their recycling practices.

Clare is going to Copy Cat Printers

Susan is going to the Spirit Haus and Collective Copies.

Lucy will go to R & P Liquors

Marianne will go to Florence Savings Bank on College Street and Northampton Coop

Harvey will go to Amherst Farmers Supply

Pat will (hopefully) go to People's bank on Amity.

By visiting these businesses the committee hopes to find ways to help these businesses to recycle. If they are already recycling then we hope to publicize that and find out what works for them. Susan is preparing a brochure for members to take with them and Meg has prepared an introduction. The goal is to increase business recycling with a focus on helping.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2006 at 4 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Vickery, clerk pro tem